

WEEKES BROTHERS,
COUNSELLORS AT LAW,
58 WALL STREET,

NEW YORK,

Nov 20th 1897

Hon Wm L. Strong
Mayor

Dear Sir

I desire to call your attention to the fact that Wall Street in front of my office has been excavated and in a very disgraceful condition for upwards of two yrs. No sooner is the work finished & the asphalt down than a new gang of men commence to dig it up again. The noise & smoke & smells have

been very troublesome.
I would like very much
to meet you and discuss
with you how such a
state of affairs can be
prevented by proper
legislation this winter.
The question undoubtedly
has been often brought
to your attention & you
may have some valuable
suggestions to make as
to the best course to take
looking towards the better
protection of the people.

Very Respe

John A. Weeks Jr
Assemblyman. elect R.S. Desh

MAYOR WM. L. STRONG, PRESIDENT.
CORNELIUS B. MITCHELL, VICE PRESIDENT.

JAMES MACNAUGHTAN, TREASURER.
W. A. STILES, (PARK COMMISSIONER) SECRETARY.

TREE PLANTING ASSOCIATION,
OF
NEW YORK CITY.

INCORPORATED 1897.

OFFICE,
Nos. 64 & 66 WHITE STREET.

New York, Nov. 20th, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
City Hall,
N.Y. City.

My dear Colonel:-

Owing to your many engagements, I write to ask if you will kindly enter on your "Engagement" book the afternoon of December fourteenth, when the Annual Meeting of the Tree Planting Association will be held, and at which I hope that you will preside.

We can hold the meeting at the Wool Club at four o'clock or whatever hour best suits your convenience.

We are getting in new members and the press are publishing enough articles on the subject to interest the public, and the effect of your presiding, will be of the greatest benefit.

Thanking you in advance for the trouble,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Cornelius B. Mitchell

A.P. MONTANT,
P.O. BOX, 2271.

New York, Nov. 22d, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

Mayor City of New York,

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your lines of the 17th, I beg to express to you my very high appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me by offering me a renomination as School Commissioner.

It is with a feeling of deep regret that I am unable to accept the appointment on account of increased business ties and responsibilities. It is also a source of much regret to me to be compelled to sever the very pleasant official relations which have always existed between the other members of the Board of Education and myself.

Very respectfully yours,

A. P. Montant

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P. O. BOX, 2271.

New York, Nov. 22d, 1897.

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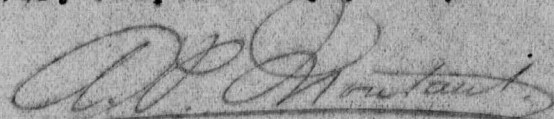
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CITY OF NEW YORK.
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

James Parrish Lee -

9 Fifth Ave

Office Parrish & Pendleton

44 Broadway -

Harvard graduate -

Practising lawyer at the N.Y. bar.

Son of the late Doctor Chas. Carroll Lee

Cousin of Governor Carroll of Maryland -

Married the daughter of Mr. Lowell
Lincoln of Catlin & Co

Endorsed by President Hubbell &
several other members of the Board of
Education

407 West 14 St. N.Y.
Nov. 22, 1897.

Hon Wm. L. Strong
City Hall.

Dear Sir,

I sincerely thank you
for causing the amount of \$50000
as provided in Chapter 523 Laws 1894
to build a monument in Battery
Park to mark the evacuation of
the British in 1783, to be acted up-
on. I am informed that the
Board of Aldermen cut the amount
down to \$100. The reason of such
action I cannot understand.
Please use your influence next
week to have the full amount
reinstated. The act referred to gives
the Board of Estimate full authority.
Trusting you will take the matter in hand.
Yours truly W. H. Nelson

The Mount Morris Electric Light Co.
Corner Vandam & Greenwich Sts.

JULIUS A. MAY, PRES.,
 JOS. C. HENDRIX VICE PRES.,
 HARRY SANDERSON, SECY AND TREAS.

New York, November 22nd. 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,
 Mayor, The City of New York,
 New York.

Sir:-

It has always been customary for the City Authorities to light the public streets by electric light wherever such streets are provided with subway service. The Mount Morris Company has recently had built for it; and is now occupying, the following additional subways in streets now lighted by gas:-

<u>Street.</u>	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>No. of Lamps.</u>
West 69th.	Central Park West,	Columbus Avenue,	4
" 70th.	" " "	" "	4
" 72nd.	" " "	Riverside "	13
" 74th.	Riverside Avenue,	West End Avenue,	2
" 76th.	Columbus "	Central Park West	4
" 77th.	" " "	" " "	4
" 77th.	Riverside "	West End Avenue,	2
" 83rd.	Central Park West,	Columbus "	4
" 104th.	Columbus Avenue,	Amsterdam "	3
Central Park W.	West 102nd. St.,	West 109th. St.,	7
Riverside Ave.	West 72nd. "	West 77th. "	6

			Total - - - 53 Lamps.

We also beg to call your attention to the fact that a contract has been let by the Park Commissioners, for the wiring and installing of twelve (12) arc lamps and forty-four (44) 50 candle power incandescent lamps, to burn in St. John's Park, Clarkson and Hudson Streets.

We would respectfully request that you kindly include these streets in the advertising for bids for electric light for the ensuing year.

Very respectfully,

The Mount Morris Electric Light Co.,
Julius A. May PRESIDENT.

STEPHEN B. STANTON.
P. TECUMSEH SHERMAN.

LAW OFFICE
OF
SHERMAN & STANTON,
59 WALL STREET.

TELEPHONE NO. 1399 BROAD.
CABLE ADDRESS, "AEGIUM," NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22d. 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong;
Mayor, &c.

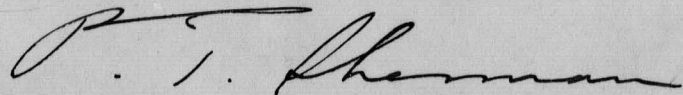
My dear Sir;

I hereby with great regret tender my resignation as school
inspector, of the 12th. School Inspection District.

Thanking you for your kindness in appointing me, I am,

With great respect,

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "P. T. Sherman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "P. T. Sherman".

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY,

Washington Square, East.

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE.

University Heights,

New York,

November 23rd, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong, Mayor,

Dear Mr. Mayor,-

Since everything seems to be in shape for securing the land for our little University park upon which the Board of Street Openings acted last week, I am requested on the part of the University people to ask you to inform me what steps are necessary to enable us to secure from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the insertion at an early meeting, in their estimate, of \$10,000.

The 4th section of the Act providing for the park, contains the following, "The Comptroller of the City of New York is hereby authorized and empowered and directed to issue revenue bonds not to exceed ten thousand dollars for the construction and improvement of said park, the redemption whereof shall be provided for by the board of estimate and apportionment in the final estimates for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven."

Perhaps you can have this arranged at the next meeting of the board of estimate and apportionment.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Markracken

"This, the latest addition to the long list of amusement houses, combines all of the most recent improvements."—
N. Y. HERALD.

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RICE'S
THE
FRENCH
MAID.

HERALD SQUARE THEATRE

"It has often been said that the situation of this house at the Northwest corner of Broadway and 35th Street, was the best in the City."—N. Y. TRIBUNE.

50TH
PERFORMANCE
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NOV. 8.

COR. BROADWAY AND 35TH STREET.

CHAS. E. EVANS, - PROPRIETOR.
W. D. MANN, - - - - - MANAGER.

Cable Address, MANDARIN.

NEW YORK, Nov 23 '97 189

Mr Bion L. Burrows,

The Mayor's Office, City,

My dear Mr Burrows,

The other evening about 6 o'clock Mr. Evans and myself had occasion to use a hansom cab in front of the Metropole Hotel. We got into one that was standing there and asked the driver how much he would charge to drive us to 175 West 47th street. He replied \$1.00 which we thought was in excess of the regular rate. I admit that we were somewhat indignant at him and asked for his number, to which he replied that his was an hotel cab and it was not necessary for him to have a number. To satisfy my curiosity I would like to know if we were consistent in feeling that he had overstepped his authority.

Wont you kindly advise me at your early convenience, and much oblige,

Yours very truly,

W.D.M.

W.D. Mann
MANAGER,

Hon. W. L. Strong, Mayor.

Dear Sir:

I hereby resign the
office of Inspector of Schools
for the 12th School District.

I regret that continued
ill-health makes it impossible
for me to attend properly
to my duties as Inspector.

I remain, Sir, with
great respect,

Your obedient servant
Joe Evans

25th November 1897

To the Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor:

Dear Sir:

I send you today
my resignation of the
office of School Inspector
of the 12th School District.

It is with much regret
that I find myself forced to
give up this work, but
I am not well enough to
go on with it.

Will you permit me
to suggest for your
consideration as an

Inspector in this District
Mrs Herbert Adams
of 42 West 15th Street.

I have known Mrs Adams
for a number of years and
have confidence in her
judgment, and feel that
she is particularly well
informed in regard to manual
training and certain other
subjects which I had
especially at heart.

Very respectfully
Joe Evans

25th November 1897

GEORGE A. BAKER,
COUNSELOR AT LAW,
206 BROADWAY,
TELEPHONE, 57 CORTLANDT.

NEW YORK, November 23rd, 1896. 189

F. A. Ware, Esq.,
265 Broadway, New York.

Dear Sir:-

The Murray Hill Republican Club has arranged to hold a reception at the Lexington Avenue Opera House on the evening of December 29th, 1896, and has asked me to select the Reception Committee. The Club is putting forth every effort to make it a successful affair.

Will you not kindly honor the Club by your presence, and by serving upon the Reception Committee? Among those whom I have requested to serve upon this Committee are Hon. James R. Sheffield, John Sabine Smith, Esq., Hon. Edward C. O'Brien, Hon. Francis E. Laimbeer, Gen. Howard Carroll, Hon. P. H. Murphy.

An early reply will greatly oblige

Very truly yours,

Geo A Baker
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367 W. 11th St.
New York

Charles William Bork
Jackson & Co. 319 Broadway



NORTH CAROLINA
Library Department.

Raleigh, Nov 23rd 1887

Mayor of New York City
Dear Sir

Having frequent
inquiries, & see a Directory of
the City of New York, by the public,
I write ~~to~~ ask you to kindly
send a Copy, for use in the N. C.
State Library,

and greatly oblige

R. A. Cobb
State Librarian

23 East Forty Fourth Street.

To the Mayor
Hon. William L. Strong,
Dear Sir,

Among to the
pressure of family and
other cares, I find myself
unable to fulfill the
duties of my position
as an Inspector of
Public Schools in the
Sixteenth District.

I therefore beg you to
accept my resignation
of the position.

and am with respect,
Very truly yours
Katharine Bacon Smith
(Mrs. Eugene Smith)

Nov. 23. 1897.

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(1) November 25, 1897

Hon William L. Strong
Mayor.

Dear Sir:

The original plan of Block Indexing the real estate records of this City, contemplated the assignment to each of the 13 Sections laid down on the Land Map, of a separate volume in the Register's office, so that all the Record Books, maps and indexes pertaining to any section, might be kept together, and

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be more conveniently
handled and inspected.

In furtherance of this
scheme, the Block In-
dexing Act provided
that each volume
of records ~~or~~ ^{and} indexes,
should relate only to
a single section,
not only to carry out
the Mccone idea for
the convenience of
searchers, but that

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the books of the several sections may as be kept in the different localities of the sections of the City, in separate offices, should the growth of the City, and the convenience of its inhabitants, subsequently require it.

The present bookcases of the Block indexing books in the Registrar's office, cost to the best of my recollection, about

\$ 1,500. But after
their construction, it
was discovered that
while they were
apparently built in
Sections as proposed,
the slots for the Records
and Indexes were made
of different lengths,
so that it was necessa-
ry to place the Index-
es in different Section
Cases from the Records.
From that time to this,
as I have been informed,

these have been employed in the New York Register's Office, at Salaries, varying from \$1,500 to \$1,700 per annum

(1) A Clerk to "find" the Block Index Books for those wishing to examine them;

(2) A Id called "Custodian" to preserve the books from injury;

(3) A Clerk, whose only duty has been, so far as I can learn, to look after

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26 WEST 72D STREET,
NEW YORK.

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the other two clerks. I
have a general super-
vision of this depart-
ment of the office.

A proper division of
the Books, by Alcons
as suggested, would
not only lessen the
running expenses of
the Registers' office, but
render it much more
convenient for the
public.

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27 WEST 72D STREET,
NEW YORK.

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I had intended to
appear before your
Honor tomorrow
at the meeting to
consider the Architects
Plans for the new
Hall of Records,
but regret that ill-
ness will prevent
me from so doing.

I am yours with
much respect,

Dwight H. Almstead

F. R. STURGIS, M. D.,
16 WEST THIRTY-SECOND STREET.

Nov. 25th. 1897.
NEW YORK,..... 189

The Hon.

Wm. L. Strong.

Mayor &c.

My dear Sir.

I respectfully request you to accord a hearing before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment when the subject of the appropriation of public monies to private medical charities comes up for discussion. I should esteem it a favor if I can be notified a few days before the meeting takes place as the Medical Society of the County of New York, the N.Y. Medical Medical League and other organizations would like to be present.

I have already written to Mr. Adey, the clerk of the Board on the matter.

Very faithfully yours,

F. R. Sturgis.

Jarrestown Nov 26 1897

Hon W. L. Strong
Mayor of the City of New York

I herewith make application for a copy of the "Records of New Amsterdam" now being published by the City of New York. Last summer I called upon your Secretary concerning these Records and was informed that the Copies which you had for distribution would not be given to any one until the books were out of the Printer's hands. When I saw Mr Berthold Fernow a few days ago he was completing the index, he told me that the books would be out very soon. The reason of this application is that I am engaged in historical and genealogical research. My studies are entirely along the line of Holland Dutch. My Ancestors were in New Amsterdam during the time covered by these volumes. To me the books contain information that must be sought for by a page to page examination. It will therefore require a great deal of time.

As Tarrytown has no public library, I would have to go to New York City to study the books - an expensive as well as tedious work. When I have finished my historical studies I would agree to present the volumes to a public Library when such an one is formed in my village - In this form my application is as worthy of consideration as the application of any Library not of New York State. This whole region was settled by the Holland Dutch and we all (through our ancestors) came here from Long Island by way of New Amsterdam -

Trusting that this application will be favorably considered I am very respectfully yours

Daniel Van Lassel

The City of Cleveland,

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

ROBERT E. MCKISSON, MAYOR.
EDWARD A. ROBERTS, SECRETARY.

November 27th, 1897.

Hon. William L. Strong,

M A Y O R,

New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

An effort is being made by the street railroad companies of this city to obtain extensions of their franchises making them all expire twenty-five years from date. The date of expiration of the existing contracts under present arrangements is as follows:

LINE.	EXPIRES.	LENGTH OF PROPOSED EXTENSIONS.
Woodland avenue,	1904.	18 years.
Central avenue,	1905.	17 years.
West Side line,	1908.	14 years.
Superior and St. Clair streets,	1910.	12 years.
Brooklyn and Scovill avenue,	1910.	12 years.
East Cleveland and South Side,	1913.	9 years.
Broadway,	1914.	8 years.

The rates of fare in Cleveland now are: cash fare 5 cents, or 11 tickets for 50 cents. Transfers are given to connecting lines of each Company (there are two consolidations), and both companies transfer to a common cross town line. The Companies pay a license fee of \$10 per car, and pave and maintain 16 feet of streets on which tracks are laid.

In return for the proposed extensions, the Companies offer 6 tickets for a quarter, 12 for fifty cents, or 25 for \$1.00; universal

The City of Cleveland,

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

ROBERT E. MCKISSON, MAYOR.
EDWARD A. ROBERTS, SECRETARY.

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transfers and a percentage of the gross receipts graded as follows: 3% for the first eight years; 4% for the second eight years; and 5% for the concluding nine years. The Companies, however, ask in lieu of this to be released from the car license fee, and also from the expense of repairing pavements when public improvements are made.

The fare on the East Cleveland line was reduced to 6 tickets for a quarter a few years ago, but was restored to 11 tickets for 50 cents upon the consolidation of the East Cleveland lines. The law in Ohio compels street railway companies to give universal transfers upon consolidation which it is understood the two existing companies are planning to effect, should the new franchises be obtained.

1. Do you think that in view of the rapid development of the facilities for carrying passengers and the constant decrease in operating expenses that this city can wisely grant a twenty-five year franchise with no provision for a revision of the rates of fare and percentages within that time?

2. Do you think that the concessions and return offered by the existing companies are sufficient to warrant the city in granting their demands, providing a twenty-five year franchise, should be permitted?

3. Do you not rather think that it would be better for this city to proceed under the present arrangement until the expiration of the first franchise in 1904, and then offer the franchises as they expire at public auction to the bidder who will give the most for them in the way of concessions to the people and return to the city?

4. Would you be kind enough to give me, in a word, your position on the street railroad question as it presents itself in American cities today.

The City of Cleveland,

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

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EDWARD A. ROBERTS, SECRETARY.

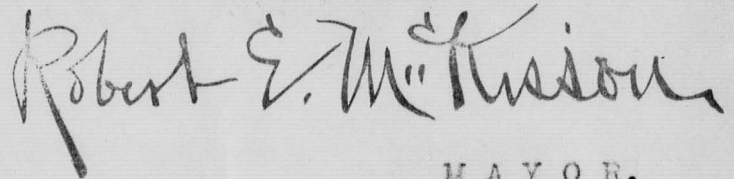
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Your reply to this question at an early date will be of great value to me personally, and I believe to all the citizens of Cleveland, as this is the most important municipal question to arise here for many years.

Assuring you beforehand of my appreciation of your kindness, and likewise of my willingness to reciprocate your favors at any time an opportunity may offer,

I remain,

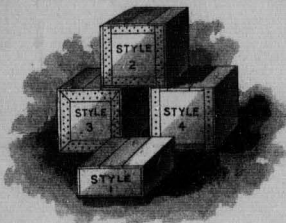
Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert E. McKisson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "MAYOR.".

MAYOR.

Established 1871.

ROBERT C. LOWRY AND COMPANY.



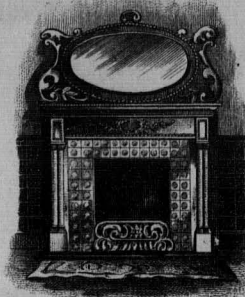
WHOLESALE LUMBER, TIMBER.
BOX SHOOKS AND CLOTH BOARDS.

MILLS: CANADA, MICHIGAN AND VERMONT.

OFFICE: N° 30 STATE STREET, NEW YORK.

(NEAR FOOT OF BROADWAY.)

HARDWOOD MANTELS
A SPECIALTY.



New York, Nov. 16th, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor of New York,
Mayor's Office, City Hall, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to submit herewith complaint against Keith's Continous Performance Theatre, formerly Union Square Theatre on 14th Street, New York, of obtaining money under the following circumstances, which I believe to be unlawful and certainly most unjust.

A party of five of us purchased at their Ticket Office at about 7:50 o'clock on Friday evening last, Nov. 12th, five Tickets of admission, inquiry was made at the time as to the probability of our obtaining seats, and the Ticket Seller replied that he "could'nt say". After having paid \$2.50 for the five tickets we entered the Theatre only to find it packed to the doors, there was not a seat to be had and little or no standing room. We immediately returned to the Ticket Office and demanded a refund of our money, which demand was refused, but an Official, (who was evidently employed for that purpose,) informed us that he would give us tickets for some other Performance. As two of our party were merely visiting the City and about returning home the next day, and for other good reasons, we refused to accept anything but our money. They claim that theirs is a continous Performance, and as people are coming and going all the time there are constantly seats vacated, this may be true in the day time, but certainly it is not so at night, and they take good care not to inform the public of that fact. Are they not bound to exhibit a sign or placard of "Standing-Room Only" in the manner that is done by other respectable Theatres?

I have therefore the honor to request that these people be summoned before yourself or the City Marshall in order that this outrageous behavior of theirs may be sifted to the bottom and the public protected from a continuation of this sort of treatment. There were fully a dozen surrounding the Ticket Office when we came out and exploited this matter before them, all of whom would have bought tickets had they not been informed by us that there was hardly standing room inside. In submitting this complaint I do so as a matter of principle and ask that this affair be looked into and this sort of business put a stop to at once.

Yours truly,

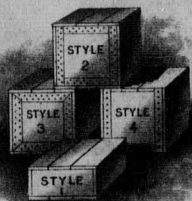
Robert C. Lowry

TELEPHONE 1127 BROAD.

Established 1871.

CABLE ADDRESS, "LOWYORK, NEW YORK"

ROBERT C. LOWRY AND COMPANY.



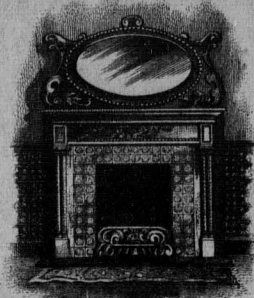
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HARDWOOD MANTELS
A SPECIALTY.



New York, Nov. 29th, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,
Mayor of New York,
Mayor's Office, City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

I have to note receipt of yours of Nov. 17th in reply to mine to you of the 16th inst., concerning treatment received by my friends and myself at Keith's Theatre on Friday Evening, Nov. 12th, in which you promise to "have the matter looked into." May I therefore respectfully ask as to what action has been taken and if due inquiry has convinced you that under the present Laws or City Ordinances, it is impossible to reach these People, I would like to know it, for it is then my purpose to endeavor to have a Law framed that will protect the public from being swindled out of their money in the manner that we were swindled out of ours on the above named date. I would also ask as to whether it is not against the Law to crowd the spaces of the Theatre between the entrance doors and the last row of seats? I note that it is required that the aisles shall be kept clear on account of danger in case of fire, but if the spaces between the rear seats and the entrance doors are crowded full of people, (as was the case the night we were there,) it seems to me it would be almost as bad in case of panic as if the people were allowed to fill up the aisles. It is not my purpose to drop this matter until something is done for the protection of the general public, who having paid their money in good faith find themselves in such a crowded audience that it is impossible either to obtain a seat or to get a fair view of the Performance.

Yours truly,

Robert C. Lowry

Nov. 29th 96
Mayor Strong
Sir -

I've been reading in the paper Sir Richard Brokers impudence. Think of him, a man who shot (between the v. Scumel) and killed a man in a vile saloon, sent to the State Prison, v. through their cunning trickery escaped hanging. About your ruling this City. You have the best any man could have ~~done~~ when this City was brought down to such a low ebb of Corruption v. Blackguardism. Since the Civil War the Irish Catholics have ruled this City, it'll take

the next 30 yrs. for honest American gentlemen like yourself to take the Office of Mayor to get this City a decent honest working order. Pres. Roosevelt is honest. Look at the abuse he's getting from the scum -

I blame Americans very much Aldermen Norman Wung & Scilling (can tell by their names what they are) want \$⁵th kept as it is, if they could get \$500 for signing their names for a R. Road through they'd do it a moment.

Who ever heard of gentleman Groter working for an honest living, he is going gambling in England, with horses, money, he robs from this City. What has he come back for? - I suppose for more money, why don't he stay in England, this Country

can get along splendidly with-
out him - he has come from Rome.
I don't think much of the
Prince of Wales if he had anything
to do with gentleman Croker -
I hope the Lord will forgive
but I do hate Irish Catholics
there's no making them honest -

I'd like to know how to write
an Article for a paper, but to
do so I'd have to know exactly
how to word it & be very
Careful at that -

I believe you would be
willing to take the position if
offered on a gold
platter - it's a pity

Yours most Resp.
An American Citizen

Mr. Low's educated folk of friends
should have waited a while & the
Republicans would have placed Low
upon ^{it} a split-ticket would win.

Nov. 29th 97

Mayor Strong
Your administration of the City has been
strictly honest even your mis-
takes have been - You ought be
proud for every one says
that of you - It's outrageous that
Pres. Low was not elected -
Think of 70,000 registered
voters didn't vote on elec

a man shoeing horses
that was what his father
did. I like decent poor
but they weren't that.

What might be done now
is for our American Citizens
Merchants, professional men,
& others & form a strong Hall day -
Organization like Tammany -
work to increase it and
not be placing their minds

on day, - Why? because
it rained - They belonged
most all of them to Mr.
Low - I was praying for it
to be a pleasant ^{day} when I
found it was storming &
knew it was a Tammany
given over to that beast
Irish Catholic Coker & his
"Coat of Arms" ought be

So to money getting that they
lose sight of how the City is
going to the Devil - Congress
ought pass a law prohibiting
immigration for 5 yrs. all
the terrible scenes coming here
take out their Citizens papers
& join Samungay, they know
the mock of that class belong
to them - It was good in you
& also Mr. Cro to be willing
to be Mayors - Hoping you so good
& will do well is the wish
of an - American Citizen



THE G. E. Martel Portrait Copying House,

The Largest and Oldest in the United States.

FIRST-CLASS OIL PAINTINGS, WATER COLORS, INDIA INK,
PASTELS, CRAYONS, PICTURE FRAMES AND
MOULDINGS AT LOWEST PRICES.

273 PLEASANT AVE.,

NEW YORK, N. Y.

11/18/97

Dear Madam:-

The Gem studio of 485 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N.Y. having retired from business, have turned over to us all of their pictures and as yours was among them, thus this communication.

Your picture is now in the Art Department ready to be finished. All we require is for you to prepay the 50 cents as per contract, a duplicate of which the agent left with you.

Remember we guarantee satisfaction or refund your money. Our portraits as you can see by the enclosed testimonials are the most natural and life-like made in this country. They are perfect likenesses of the photos given to us, and you certainly will feel proud to have such an ornament for your parlor, if you appreciate good work. We are positive that when hung up, it will be by far the best advertising medium we can secure. If you should give your picture to your photographer he would require you to pay more as a deposit than we charge for the entire picture, and you must bear in mind that you are getting our regular \$15.00 portrait for \$1.00, exclusive of delivery, which is our advertising price, and since you paid fifty cents to the agent, it only leaves a remainder of 50 cents for this fine portrait.

In sending the money do so by putting your 50 cents in the enclosed card and seal as directed on card. Then register the letter if you wish.

As to our reliability etc, we can refer you to any of the Commercial Agencies, Banks, or all the Express Companies in New York City. Kindly send us the money by the earliest possible date so that the portrait may be sent to you without further delay. We are positive that after you have received the portrait you can obtain numerous orders from your friends at our regular price of \$15.00. Their portraits will be exactly like the one sent you and after receiving five orders from your friends at our regular price of \$15.00, and mentioning your name, we will make you a present of another portrait in every respect as fine as the one received.

Yours respectfully,

The G. E. Martel Portrait Copying House.

P.S.-Please send the money within ten days after the receipt of this letter as we will not after that time deliver pictures at less than \$15.00 the regular price. Your photo or tin-type will be sent with your enlarged portrait.

Testimonials.

Brooklyn, N. Y., December 19, 1896.

To the Public :

I have been employed by the G. E. Martel Portrait Copying House canvassing pictures throughout the Central States and I have always found them prompt in paying my salary at the end of each month. Respectfully, JOHN MORAN, JR.

1431 Fulton St.

Brooklyn, N. Y., June 6th, 1896.

The G. E. Martel Portrait Copying House, City.

Gentlemen :

I desire to express my thanks to you for the prompt delivery of my picture and feel that the merit of the work deserves the highest commendation. For I am very much pleased with it, and can truthfully state that it is really better than other portraits that I have in my house for which I have paid very high prices. I desire to have two more portraits made and would be pleased to have you call and get the pictures as early as possible as one of them I am anxious to have by the 1st of July. Thanking you for your courteous treatment, I am, Very Respectfully,

MRS. SAM WINSLOW,

213 Herkimer St.

Winsboro, Texas, April 21st, 1896.

The G. E. Martel Portrait Copying House :

Gents :

I have received my picture all right and in good shape. I am very well pleased with the picture.

Very respectfully, ALICE WILLIAMS.

Hattiesburg, Miss., December 24th, 1895.

Dear Sir :

I have sent work for you to do at once. Everybody likes your work down here better than any they have seen of any artist. I am so well pleased with my son's picture that I will never forget you. I will get all the work I can. I enclose three pictures for you to make right away. My first order was filled so promptly that I feel like sending these knowing that you will send them soon and I will not have to wait. Yours truly,

MALINDA BURKETT.

New York, Dec. 11th, 1896.

The G. E. Martel Portrait Copying House:

Gentlemen :

I have received my picture and I must say that I certainly am well pleased with same as it is much better than I anticipated. It is a perfect likeness of the small one and looks just like my dear mother. I will recommend your house and do all I can to send you orders at the regular price from my friends. Again thanking you for your good work, I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

C. TOMMONY,

17 West 28th St.

New Orleans, La., April 15th, 1896.

To whom it may concern :

This is to certify that for the past two years I have been engaged as a solicitor for the G. E. Martel Portrait Copying House, traveling throughout the Southern territory and during that time our relations have always been of the most pleasant nature. All accounts for salary, &c., being promptly paid by the Company. And I therefore take great pleasure in endorsing the G. E. Martel Portrait Copying Co. as thoroughly reliable, honest and trustworthy in every respect.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL BURCHFIELD,

2116 Bienville Ave., New Orleans, La.

To the Public :

Mr. G. E. Martel has for some years past been a very heavy shipper of Pictures, by Express, through this Company. We have always found him to be perfectly reliable in his transactions with us.

Very truly,

G. F. NOSLER,

Superintendent American Express Co.

Office of Dr. A. S. Dyar,

38 St. Charles Street,

New Orleans, La., May 25th, 1896.

To whom it may concern :

This is to certify that I have personally known Mr. G. E. Martel, proprietor of the G. E. Martel Portrait Copying House, for several years. During which time I have had many business transactions with Mr. Martel, and I consider and have always found him to be responsible, honorable and upright in all transactions. A. S. DYAR, M. D.

Waycross, Ga., Aug. 7th, 1896.

Mr. G. E. Martel :

Dear Sir :

I received the picture yesterday, and it is just good enough for anybody to look at. Accept my thanks for it. The two men have gone to work like they mean business. They are both well pleased with the work. The agent at the depot said that this picture I got yesterday is just as fine as they ever make them. J. B. BUTLER.

Middlepen, S. C., August 23d, 1896.

Dear Sir :

I have received my picture and am well pleased with it. It is satisfactory to me. Please let me know what you will enlarge me another one for and on what conditions. Yours Respectfully,

P. A. M. PATRICK.

Mr. G. E. Martel has been in business here for several years. He ships largely by Express to points in Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and other States. He has shipped largely by this Company. I have in my experience with him found him reliable.

B. W. CASON,

Superintendent Pacific and U. S. Express Co.

Wellsville Ohio Novth 29 1894

To the Mayor of New York N.Y.
Kind Sir Please

You will find Enclosed
in this letter - a letter from the
G & Merrill Portrait Engraving House
I wish you would please and find
out whether this firm is doing Business
in an honest way or whether they are
Fleeing the People out of their Money
if so they have collected a big sum
from Pittsburgh down to Wellsville
and all the surrounding County I was
to get my Picture Enlarged - ^{one dollar} 16-20 and
I was to receive it in 6 weeks but it never
came and that was the 8 day of April
until I got this letter that I send you
telling me to send them - The 50 cts
I paid them 50 when I gave them the small Picture

and I was to pay them the other 80 cts. ^{they} ^{would} ^{have} ^{been} ⁵⁰ ^{if} ^{the} ^{bill} ^{was} ^{not} ^{paid} ^{yet}
which I did this Morning Now
Mr Mayor Please look after this
Place and see that I get My Portrait
and small Picture = They have
written My Name Mrs Bissmann
but they have made a Mistake in
the first Part of the Name = My
Name = is = Miss Lena Bissmann
instead of = Mrs I am not married
and there is no other one in this
Town by that Name Please answer
this soon and oblig me

Miss Lena Bissmann
1015 Commerce Street
Columbus Wellsville Ohio

OFFICE OF
BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL.

JOHN T. BUCHANAN, Principal.

New York City, Nov. 29th, 1897

To the Honorable,

The Mayor of New York City.

My dear Sir:-

This will bring to your favorable notice two boys, Jacob Peyser and Frank Bailey, who represent the Athletic Association of the Boys' High School of this City. They come to you hoping to be able to obtain consent for the use of some public building for indoor athletics during the winter.

Any favors that you may show them will be appreciated by all connected with our school.

Very truly yours,

John T. Buchanan, Prin.

Church of the Transfiguration

* 1 E. 29th St. - New York -
Nov 30/1897.

Hon: Mayor Strong:

Dear Sir.

I understand that the
City of New York is distrib-
uting a sum of money to
the poor of New York -
and that it is to be
done through existing agencies -

Charitable organizations & Churches.

If I am correct in this
view, will you have the
kindness to direct me to
the proper official for
information in this matter.

The Church of the Transfiguration -
("Little Church around the
Corner") receives a large
number of applications for
assistance, and could

distribute alms intelligently and systematically -

Very sincerely yours

(Per'd) Edmund B. Smith -

Cumate Ch. Transfiguration -

#1, E. 29th St. N.Y.

Charles Blandy.
Edmund Luis Mooney.
Andrew J. Shipman.

BLANDY, MOONEY & SHIPMAN,

Counsellors at Law,

Wilks Building,
15 Wall Street.

New York, November 30, 1896.

To Charles H. T. Collis, Esq., as Commissioner of Public Works
of the City of New York, and
To the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New
York.

Gentlemen:

We have been consulted by Messrs. Henry H. Heert, William T. Purdy, David M. Williams, William H. Caldwell, Frank Hardy, Charles Mann, Zachariah T. Benson, Edward Callan, Richard Webber, Charles B. Tooker, Nathan Lemlein, Charles P. Murphy, Patrick Norton, Charles D. Brand, Joseph Kahan and others, property owners on Third Avenue, in the neighborhood of the new Harlem Bridge, now in course of construction, with respect to the character of approaches which are being built upon the south side of the Harlem River, under the plans as prepared by the Commissioner of Public Works, and approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

An examination of Chapter 413 of the Laws of 1892 (as amended by Chapter 716 of the Laws of 1896), under which the bridge and approaches are being built and constructed, has convinced us that any plan which fails to connect the northerly end of the Third Avenue in the Twelfth Ward with the southerly end of said avenue in the Twenty-third Ward, so as to keep the avenue as laid out and opened many years ago, open as a continuous thoroughfare, fails to comply with the plain requirement of the law. Yet we understand that the northerly end of the avenue, in the Twelfth Ward, under the present plans, is actually closed by a solid wall of masonry which has been built as a sustaining wall to an approach leading to the west and east, and that travel, either by persons, animals, vehicles or traffic, directly across the Harlem River, from the northerly end of Third Avenue in the Twelfth Ward to or from the Twenty-third Ward, upon a continuation of the avenue, is rendered impossible. Indeed, the Harlem River cannot be crossed at such point by the present proposed bridge by either persons, animals or traffic, without

digressing most substantially from the direct line of Third Avenue, in either a westerly or easterly direction off Third Avenue, or by ascending a flight of stairs.

It is believed by those whom we represent that the plan thus adopted, and under which the Commissioner of Public Works is now building the approaches under contract, does not meet the requirement of the law, but violates it.

We understand that Mr. Collis, the present Commissioner of Public Works, has been frequently waited upon of late and his attention has been called to the alleged discrepancy pointed out in this letter, but he takes the position, as we also understand, that he has no power to change the present plans without further legislation on the subject.

We are not sufficiently advised whether the subject matter has been directly brought to the attention of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment and therefore take this means of bringing it before you for such action in the premises as you may deem proper.

In behalf of our clients, however, we beg most respectfully to say that if the approaches to the bridge are built in accordance with the plan as adopted, and Third Avenue is to be closed at the northerly end in the Twelfth Ward, as appears from the present plan, and as is indicated by the wall of masonry already erected there, then little short of ruin will follow to a large number of shop-keepers, and serious depreciation in the value of Third Avenue real estate will result, and an avenue that has existed since colonial days will be closed at the point of the location of said wall, without resort to the usual means of closing a public street.

Our clients desire to test the legality of your action in the premises in some appropriate form, but, preparatory to resorting to legal proceedings to that end, through us demand that the Commissioner of Public Works erect and construct, of stone, iron or steel, or one or more of these materials, a suitable drawbridge and approaches thereto, with the necessary abutments and arches over adjacent streets or avenues, for the passage of all persons, animals, vehicles and traffic across the Harlem River in the City of New York, connecting the northerly end of Third Avenue, in the Twelfth Ward of said City, with the southerly end of Third Avenue, in the Twenty-third Ward of said city,

said bridge to be constructed as near as possible in the position occupied by the bridge heretofore existing at that place, and which was removed, and to make such changes in the grade lines of the streets or avenues approaching the said bridge as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of said act (Chapter 413, Laws of 1892 as amended by Chapter 716, Laws of 1896), and for the proper construction of the improvement authorized by said act, and that the other features of said act be complied with by said Commissioner of Public Works, and particularly those other features relating to said bridge called for by Section I of said act, a reference to which will readily inform you thereof. And we also demand that the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, on its part, shall approve of such plans and specifications for the said bridge and approaches thereto, with the necessary abutments and arches, as well the proposed changes on the grade line of the streets or avenues approaching the said bridge as are authorized and made necessary in order to carry out the requirements of said act.

Your immediate action on this demand is respectfully urged on behalf of our clients.

We have the honor to remain

Your most obedient servants,

Blandy, Mooney & Shipman

Attorneys for Property Owners.

Portsmouth, Va

Nov 30th 1897

To Mayor Strong of New
York.

Having seen in the Phila-
delphia Record the report
of the Board of Health of
your city, and seeing an
article "A discovery in
Electricity for diseases",
stimulates me, in a resea-
rch of thirty years, of a
new discovery to prevent
diseases, which I think
is the greatest achieve-
ment of science, we will
begin with consumption
which is more dreaded,
and more baffling

impeded in their work. Now the lungs were supposed to be the center of this disease, we find in our investigations the office of the lungs was for respiration, and cleansing the blood, each organ having their distinct work, we also find the lungs in a healthy state. As the boiler is to the steam engine, so is the human stomach to the human body. Our bodies are pieces of machinery, and are made to run one hundred years, or more. If the organs are not

than any in its cure, the attempt seems to be something to cure, but so far, no specific has been obtained, mine is no cure, but a preventive. I bring my discovery through experience in my family of five healthy children.

The boiler is to the steam engine, so is the human stomach to the human body. Our bodies are pieces of machinery, and are made to run one hundred years, or more. If the organs are not

could live twenty four
hours, night air being
supposed to be deadly
poisonous. If germs do ex-
ist, when and how do they
originate? ~~next~~ Too much
fuel to the furnace resul-
-ts in explosion, likewise
the stomach over-charged,
sickness and decay ensues
Now arises the question
what produces consumption?
the old theory that outside
influence was the invisible
cause, such as exposure,
draughts, heredity, &c to my
mind this theory has long
ago been exploded, and
with experience I find

every thing has a cause,
 when humanity can
 be educated to that
 point to investigate the
 cause, then the boom
 to science and human-
 ity will have begun.
 If my policy is accepted
 and pursued, the day
 is not far distant when
 consumption will be
 relegated to the dark
 ages. It is an education
 that the people need in
 regard to health and hygiene.
 The Board concluded that
 consumption was prevent-
 able, that it was not

inherited, but was acquired
by contact; that contact I
hope to explode.

I would like to make
known my education,
and submit it to your
Board of Health.

With the hope of reliev-
ing suffering humanity

I am very shy, and
not accustomed to publici-
ty consequently would
ask my real name
suppressed. Very Respt

Mrs J. E. Williams.

31 1/2 North Street. Portsmouth
Va

Nom de plume
Mrs Mary Rebecca Adams
my mother's maiden
name

Sing Sing, N.Y.
Nov. 30, 1897

1. C
Mayor Strong

Dear Sir
I am a little boy 13 years
old, the son of a veteran
who lost his arm in the
Battle of Gettysburgh,
Who does not drink and
is an honest ^{man} but is
getting along in years,
being 55 he cannot get
very much to do in this
town, for we live in
Sing Sing, but some
years ago we lived in
the city of New York
and papa was a watch
man in the employ of
the Public Works on the
Boulevard. I have one little

brother and a little baby
 and mama has lost
 the sight of one of her
 eyes. And has been to
 the hospital with them.
 I could give you the name
 of a great man, gentleman
 that know my Papa
 here. but he does not
 know I am writing to
 you. for I thought I might
 get something for him
 my self as we need it
 so much. please Mr.
 Strong. give pa. a place
 as watch man or janitor
 for I think he can
 do that. hopefully.

Ray B. Van Cassell
 25 Maurice Ave.

P. d. May Papa's name
is Hiram Van Tassel
formerly one of the
junior fifth N. Y.
Volunteers.

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Telephone Call, 1092 Cortlandt.

52 WILLIAM STREET, NEW YORK,

November, 1897.

DEAR SIR:

For its first two years the work of this Committee was largely of preparation. This was due in part to the extent to which in 1896 national issues, and during the present year those of the city campaign, crowded to one side non-partisan educational work such as ours, but even more to the extent to which our work had to be organized from the very foundation.

There was no general source of information as to what had been published on municipal problems. In March, 1897, we published a Bibliography with both subject and author indexes, including 9,000 entries referring to 3,400 titles, in English, French, German, Italian, Austrian and Spanish, to which we have already added three quarterly supplements.

There was on this continent no special library worthy of the name of such literature. We have collected a first-rate working library of 1,200 volumes, which is rapidly increasing.

There was no publication devoted to the discussion of distinctively city problems. We have established the quarterly magazine, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, of which the first number was devoted to the Bibliography above alluded to. In succeeding ones have been discussed, by writers on both sides of each leading question, the more vital problems of municipal development; and we have already commenced the compilation of a systematic report upon the scope and late development of municipal functions throughout the world. This the Committee hopes to publish in March next.

During the year past we held six public dinners and receptions at the Reform Club, at each of which some subject of special interest to New York City was discussed by speakers selected as those best qualified to treat it. It is proposed to continue this series during the coming year.

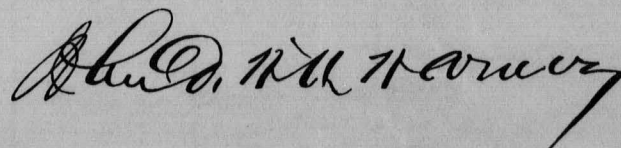
Among the subjects coming within the scope of these discussions are Municipal Finance, Assessments for Benefit, Franchises, Transportation, Public Works, Gas and Water Supply, Electric Lighting, Schools, Charities, Hospitals, Prisons, Docks, Street Cleaning, Police, Protection against Fire, Parks, Markets, Excise, Libraries, Museums, Amusements, Public Art (Music, Painting, Statuary, Monuments, etc.).

We propose so to extend our work as to supply speakers on municipal topics to societies and clubs which shall promise appreciative audiences and provide halls; and also to have compiled and circulated monographs on special city subjects.

In view of the Club's experience of the efficacy of similar work in other lines, we propose to establish a municipal affairs "Supply Bureau," whence we can promptly furnish, at moderate rates, the more popular, useful and trustworthy works on each of the more important subjects involved.

Our work is strictly educational and non-partisan. It must be some years yet, if ever, before our quarterly, MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, can be even approximately self-sustaining. Meanwhile, large expenditures should be made upon our library, which is not merely necessary for our work, but is fast becoming better known and more consulted by students and writers from every part of the country.

The popular demand for education on municipal affairs is so great and growing as to call for the utmost of energy that can be put at our disposal. The Committee proposes to do its utmost in co-operation with all public-spirited citizens toward furnishing information upon every phase of city life, and toward making the Greater New York a better New York for all of its people.



Chairman.

EDWARD F. FISK,

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96 Fulton & 140 William Streets,

New York, December 2nd 1897

(Important)

Hon. William L. Strong

Dear Sir:

Mr Thomas Shandley
an inspector in the Public Works Dept.
informed me last night that when he
finished his work on the 4th Ave. R. R
he reported to Mr. Martin chief of
inspectors in the who asked him
this question?

Mr. Shandley are you a
Protestant or a Roman Catholic
Mr. Shandley replied I am a
Roman Catholic. Mr. Martin
then told him that his services

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New York, 189

were no longer required.

I hope your honor will investigate this matter so that the closing days of your administration will not be marred by religious tyranny and oppression

Respectfully
Michael J. Donovan
1409 E. 17th St.
City

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New York, Dec. 2nd, 1897.

The Hon. William L. Strong:

Dear Sir,

I write to call your attention to the fact that there has been no publication ^{in the City Record} of the First Auditor's Quarterly Report (Comptroller's Office) since the number of the City Record dated June 28th, 1894. That report only brought matters down to December 31st, 1896.

So it is impossible ^{for me} to find out what the separate and itemized expenditures of the city have been during the current year.

Before you retire from office, would you compel the Supervisor of the City Record to do his duty and furnish the First Auditor's reports? I am told that they have been made and copies furnished to the Supervisor of the City Record; but that that official has neglected to publish them.

Yours respectfully,

James A. Butler.

New York Dec. 4th

1887

Mr. Wm. R. Strong Mayor of New York City.

Bought of LAW. SCHWAAB,

EXPERIMENTAL MACHINIST,

OFFICE OF THE
American Scientific Horse Shoeing,
LAW. SCHWAAB,
462 Canal St., New York,

#31-33 New Chambers ~~462~~ GRAND ST., NEAR BOWERY.

PRINTING, LITHO. AND PHOTO. PRINT PRESSES. PRESSES, PUNCHES AND DIES.

Honorable Sir:

Can you help me over the difficulty? I will give you \$5,000. worth of machinery stock as security, Mortgage or otherwise providing I am allowed to sell my goods untrammelled when there is demand for them. Some money mountebanks are offering loans at 30% pro month which is equal all round to committing suicide. Kindly answer if you can help me out. Last 4 years of political panic I have stood, & oblige Yours truly Lawrence H. Schwaab.

Wm R. Strong, Esq.

Honorable Sir: Pardon my intruding on you with these few lines, I am in a dilemma & wish you to help me out of it if you can in a business way. I am a resident of this City for the last 32 years, this is the sixth time I have ventured in business as a mechanic never lost any but my own hard earned resources & every time when I thought I might breathe up a little some rascally financial move came to destroy all my exertions as you now see I had to have recourse to the same compulsory loss I am now proposing some one to reap the benefit of my toil. Now I am honest & industrious & intelligent but I am not inside the perpetual privilege beneficiary Ring. I wish to obtain a loan of \$500. I am perfectly able to cover the amount if allowed one year time at 10/100. I can not obtain it nowhere in the money market. Can you advise me. Two years ago the Building Dept^{mt} played a trick on me finding that I had too much weight on the floor, my damage was & is over \$3000. by the move for which I have no redress. I can not issue bonds, nor can I obtain a loan in our money market. I am threatened with dispossession for non payment of Rent.

Inventory Van Schwaab's second hand machinery.

- 16 French Embroidery Dies & different designs a \$100. 1600
 30 milling cutters, taps, Reamers, Dies a \$5. each. 250
 4 Circular Shears on Thompson Carb. Copy Press. 100.
 2. one ironing on belt lacing machine. 75
 2. one fore air pump on leather splitter. 45
 2. one 2 H.P. one 1 H.P. Economic Gas Engines 150.
 3 speed lathes on with sl. 12. 16" sw. 6 f 28 1/2 B. 125.
 4. Belt pumps on. Duplex Goulds Chalmers 1 1/2". 150
 2. 1 Steam ^{Dup.} Rotary belt Gardner & Smiths Vail pump, 15
 2. 1 patternator jig on small band saw power. 100
 2 one Keystone Cider on Wine press. 30.
 4 one old Gordon 7x11. 3 litho hand pr. presses. 100
 2. one pole turner one plow Clamp Press 75
 3 small hand printing one Rotary press 45
 4 one tire bender. 3 old lathe chucks. 50
 7. 4 foot presses 3 heavy pair of plain rollers. 100.
 7 one mitering & fluting machines 100
 4. hand punch & screw presses. 50
 2. one heavy boring mill 6 f sw. one post drill. 100.
 2. one back geared old one bench speed drills. 40
 5 hair or wool washers & dryers a \$20. 100
 thousand miscellaneous odds & ends \$2000.
 of machinery, detached valuable parts worth
 each from one to twenty dollars each, Flywheels
 Pulleys, Hangers, Shafting, Gears, Worms, Dies
 cutters etc. Much Value \$5000. price \$1.500.
 to prompt cash buyer. \$33 New Chambers St.
 Bascomb.

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Second hand general Machinery, tools etc business
must be sold Stock Value \$ 5000. price \$ 1.500. & prompt
cash buyer. I will give fifty dollars to any one procuring such.

Owner Lawrence F. Schwarzat. # 33. New Chambers St.

Cause. Lickness, hardtimes, disgust.

unscrupulous Politicians, Bankers, Office Keeping Scoundrels,
in our United States & financial Bunco-steerers are running the show
Commonwealth of a Government of by & for the People to perdition.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

THOMAS TAGGART, MAYOR.

Indianapolis, Ind, Dec, 6, 1897.

To The Honorable Mayor of
New York, N. Y.,

Dear Sir:-

The Eighth National Convention of the Boys & Girls National and Employment Association convenes in this City December 14th and 15th. His Excellency, Governor James A. Mount, has called upon the Executives of all the States to send delegates. The Indianapolis School Board and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction have made a like request on State Officials and School Boards of the principal cities to send representatives.

There is every probability of a large attendance at the Convention. From reports at hand from Chiefs of Police of the principal cities throughout the United States explanatory of crimes among youths, I am convinced that this Association has adapted the best known methods for reducing crimes among our criminal classes of youths.

I feel it my duty to ask that the Mayor of each city send one or two delegates to the Convention, and in this way testify their interest in the work of this Association. I notice from certificates furnished by the officials of cities where the plan of reform contemplated by this society is in operation, a decrease in commitments among youths last year to station houses and reform schools, of 50%. This shows a reduction of crimes among youths never before attained by any other association.

Trusting that your Honor will send one or more delegates, I am,

Yours very respectfully,

T. Taggart

Mayor,

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NEW YORK, Dec. 6th, 1897. 189

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,

New York City.

Dear Mayor Strong:-

In noticing list of invitations you have just sent out for meeting on Thursday to properly celebrate the new city of New York, I see our favorite President of the New York Press Club, Jos. Howard Jr., of which I am one of the active members, has been left out.

Thinking this must be a matter of oversight, I simply wish to bring it to your attention.

I had the pleasure of shaking your hand at the Guest Table when talking with Mr. Depew Saturday evening, and hearing your good words on that occasion, and in your address bringing out the point that the City of New York would go out of business at midnight, December 31st.

I do hope to be able to take part in that great celebration, and regret exceedingly we are to part with so good a Mayor, who has made such a wonderful record as you have.

With kindest regards, and sentiments of high personal esteem,

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

C. W. McMURRAN

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New York, December 7, 1897. 189

Hon. William L. Strong,
Mayor of the City of New York.

Dear Sir:-

A meeting of the Board of Managers of the New York Zoological Society will be held on Tuesday, December 14th, at one o'clock, at the rooms of the Down Town Club, No. 60 Pine Street.

The plans of the Society will be on exhibition at half past twelve, and you are requested to inspect them at that time, the meeting will be called to order promptly at one o'clock, and at half past one a lunch will be served.

The Executive Committee will report upon the work of the past eight months.

Some amendments to the By Laws will be brought before the Board for its ratification, and the general plan, which has just been approved by the City authorities, and the ground plans for many of the proposed buildings will be laid before the Board.

Will you be kind enough to signify to the Secretary your intention to be present, in order to facilitate arrangements for the lunch.

Yours very truly,

Madison Grant

Secretary.



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December 7th '97

To His Honor:

Mayor William L. Strong,

My dear Sir,-

It will give me great pleasure to be present, in response to your call, at Delmonico's, on Thursday evening, December 9th, to discuss the propriety of taking action regarding the merging of New York City into the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx.

I notice in the daily papers that the sons of the American Revolution, and other resident societies of this city have been recognized by you. As Commander-General of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, may I ask your kindly recognition of its New York Commandery?

It would gratify many were you to summon one of their number to this meeting.



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While I am Commander-General, Commodore David Banks is
Commander of the New York Commandery.

I enclose you an old roster of the New York portion of
our Society, which spreads over the United States.

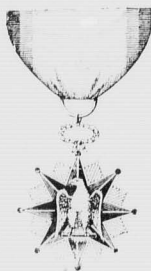
I have the honor to remain, with high respect,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely of the Commander-General, is written above the title.

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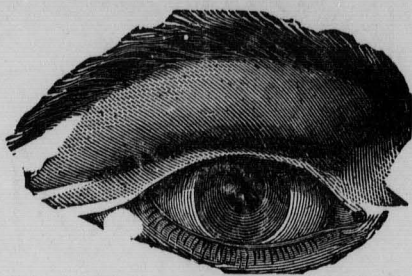
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December 7, 1897

HON. WILLIAM L. STRONG,

Mayor of the City of New York.

Hon. Sir:-

I received a notification from you on the 20th of October last, to the effect that the appropriation for the Adult Blind of the City of New York would be made in December. Will you kindly inform me of the date on which this matter will come before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. I have read in the newspapers that the Board has been acting upon different appropriations for the past week.

Very respectfully yours,

Chas. P. Dillon

JOHN YULE,
PLUMBER,
510 EAST 161ST ST.

NEW YORK

Dec 8 1897

Hon Wm L. Strong

Mayor City of New York

Dear Sir

As the theory of Jammany
Hall is that to the victors belongs
the spoils, and as I was on the other
side of the fence; and having no
desire to be tricked out by them
I most respectfully tender you my
resignation as a member of the
Examining Board of Plumbers to
take effect Dec 31/97

Very Respectfully Yours
John Yule



From the Commander's Office,

34 Union Square,

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Mark reply "Personal."
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Dec. 8th., 1897.

Dear Friend:-

Christmas is rapidly approaching with all its festivities and joys, but as many of us look forward to the season with joyous anticipation, we recall the fact that to thousands in this great City it will prove but a season of gloom and poverty.

It is upon our hearts to give the children a spread of turkey, pudding, cake and other good things. As we reflect upon the scheme and the real pleasure such a treat would be to these little ones we feel sure that friends will take an interest in helping us to arrange the plan.

We shall feed just as many as we have the means to supply.

May we, dear friend, count upon you for a donation towards this object, and will you give us permission to use your name as an inducement to influence others to give also?

In helping we shall not only feel that we have brightened our own Christmas, but that of others also.

Believe me

Faithfully Yours in a Righteous cause,

Mayor Strong.

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8th, 1897.

Hon. W. L. Strong,

New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Strong:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 16th, inst., presented by Mr. Albert Nelson Lewis, who is an applicant for the position of First Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury. I should be glad to comply with your request, but have already made an endorsement for the position Mr. Lewis seeks. I am sorry that I cannot comply with the request, for I should be glad to serve you in this or any other matter of interest to you.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,



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His Honor

Mayor W. L. Strong

New York City, N.Y.

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Dear Sir;

I have the honor to hand you herewith copy of a report adopted this day at the monthly meeting of this Board and I am directed to invite the attention of your Honor to the resolutions forming a part of the report requesting you to call a meeting of representative citizens to consider the importance of deepening the channels of approach to the Harbor of New York.

Mr Vanderbilt the Chairman of the Committee of this Board will thank you very much if you will do him the honor to name a time when he may confer with you on the subject of the proposed meeting.

I remain very respectfully

Frank S. Gardner Secretary

(Burr)

NEW YORK, December 8, 1897.

To the New York Board of Trade and Transportation :

The deepening of the nation's main water outlet for its surplus farm products to the foreign consumer is of the greatest importance at this time as an essential factor in reducing the cost of transportation which is deducted before the net proceeds reaches the producer.

In recent years much labor and money have been expended in efforts to reduce the cost of transportation to the Seaboard from the West

In his last speech, delivered before the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, January 29th, 1891, the late William Windom, said : "Improvements made by the transportation companies themselves have been very satisfactory, but though much has been accomplished in the cheapening of rates, much remains to be done. If I might be allowed to suggest another very desirable improvement, *it would be that more water be put into our harbors and canals*, and less into some of our railroad stocks."

By the Hudson River New York has the only water route through the chain of mountains from Georgia to Nova Scotia. The West was mainly settled through this route; and this route, including the Great Lakes, the Erie Canal, and the Hudson River has been the nation's main water outlet for the surplus products of the West to the foreign market. The harbor of New York at the mouth of the Hudson River has been and is the main outlet for both the water and rail routes. The harbor of New York and the condition of its channels, therefore, is of as much, if not more, importance to every producer and merchant of the great West as to the merchants of New York City. The question is not, "What does the City of New York want?" but "What does the country need as regards New York Harbor? What must the country have" ?

If we are to maintain our commerce and compete with foreign countries in supplying food products, the improvement of our canals, our railroads and our water front will not suffice. The railroads and canals can bring to this port the products of the country in large and increasing quantities only if the outlet to the ocean be maintained of adequate width and depth to accommodate safely and without delays the vessels of greater length and depth which are now being built. It will be folly to provide piers and slips of sufficient length and depth to accommodate such vessels, if the channels by which our harbor is approached are of inadequate depth and width to make the entry of such vessels safe and speedy at all conditions of tide and of weather. Experience has demon-

strated that the larger ships are the cheapest carriers, all conditions contributing to reduce time in loading and discharging, and there being no delay in entering or departing from port. If, however, the vessel is subjected to delay by reason of shallow water and narrow channel the loss imposed speedily eats up the advantages. The channels approaching New York Harbor are at this time 30 feet in depth at mean low water. Conditions often prevail which reduce this depth. Several vessels now running out of this port have a regulation draught of 32 feet. Other vessels are building which will have an equal draught. The depth and width of the channels of New York Harbor impose the only limit to the size and capacity of the steamship. In limiting the ship the process of cheapening transportation is also limited. Cheaper transportation is not so much in the interest of the export port as of the producer. The abolition of tolls on the State canals, according to the late Governor Seymour, changed the balance of trade enormously in favor of our country, because it reduced the cost of taking our products abroad and enabled us to compete with the foreign producer without reducing the price at the point of production in the West. In a proportionate degree will a reduction in the cost of ocean transportation facilitate the export of our products and redound to our national welfare. If because other ports are so far from the ocean as to make it impracticable by reason of enormous prohibitive cost to have their channels deepened to accommodate the great ships of the present day, it would be unwise for this country, and the West especially, to fail to deepen the channels of New York harbor, when the returns would be so important, immediate and sure. The importance of cheapening the cost of outward transportation may be illustrated by comparing high rates with an obstruction behind which the waters of a river are backed up and made to overflow its banks. The excess of waters held back by the obstruction causes the damage. So the excess of production retained in the country or held back by high charges for transportation, whether on ocean or on land, causes lower prices at the point of production and consequent loss to the producer.

But aside from the national and most important view, New York has done enough for the export trade and commerce of the country to entitle her harbor to the necessary disbursements which will make her channels deep enough to admit the largest vessels in the world, and it will not be amiss to refer here to what New York state and city has done and is doing toward cheapening transportation from the West.

This Board, since its organization in 1873, has held of vital importance to the country the improvement of every facility for the handling and transfer of freight at this port, for the cheapen-

ing of transportation to this port by rail and by water, and for the improvement of our harbor, by all of which the commercial supremacy of the City, State and Nation is so largely maintained.

From 1875 to 1882 the State of New York systematically reduced the tolls on the State canals, and by the efforts of this Board the canals were made free of tolls in 1882. In 1885 the late Governor Horatio Seymour, in a letter addressed to this Board, said: "In ten years, from 1866 to 1875, the balance of trade against this country was \$817,429,674; from 1876 to 1883—a period of eight years—the balance of trade was in favor of our country to the amount of \$1,307,229,276. THIS WAS CAUSED BY THE REDUCTION OR ABOLITION OF TOLLS. This is shown by the fact that the cost of carrying a bushel of grain from Chicago to New York by railroad in 1868 was 42 cents; in 1882 it was 14 cents. By lake and canal the cost was 25 cents in 1868; in 1882 it was less than 9 cents."

The advantages of maintaining the artificial water route to New York City being so fully demonstrated, this Board in 1884 inaugurated the movement for deepening the New York State Canals and improving their locks, and we secured for these purposes from the Legislature between 1885 and 1894 an aggregate of about \$3,500,000. The State Constitutional Convention of 1894 offered the opportunity to make an appeal direct to the people of New York State for a sum sufficient to complete these improvements without delay. A measure was drafted and approved by the people which provided the sum of \$9,000,000 for canal improvements, which are now being constructed by the State.

The improvement of our water front has been earnestly and successfully urged by this Board, and it most actively seconded the efforts of the Dock Department and advocated the passage of the bills at Albany, which made possible the important improvements on the water fronts of our city recently undertaken, and now in progress. Special mention should be made of the great improvements being constructed on the North River between Charles and Twenty-third Streets, as advocated by this Board. The improvement embraces five new piers, 700 and 750 feet long, with slips between 250 feet wide, the piers being 125 feet in width. These piers begin near Charles Street, and will be constructed between Charles and Gansevoort Streets. Together they will furnish 8,963 feet of new wharfage room. The plan also embraces seven new piers from Bloomfield Street to West 23d Street, two piers at West 13th Street, and one at northerly side of Bloomfield Street, each 800 feet long, and a short pier at West 22d Street, this section adding 16,496 feet of wharfage room, or an aggregate for the entire improvement of 25,459 feet, being nearly five miles.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the great importance of these improvements and the benefits they must confer upon the commerce of this Port and of the country. No argument is needed to convince one familiar with our water front that additional facilities were immediately needed for the accommodation of the larger ocean steamers recently constructed and to be constructed. The early completion of these improvements will afford the necessary facilities on our city water front for these larger vessels, and will relieve in a measure the congested condition of shipping in this Port. The location of the improvements is such as will bring closer together the great ocean steamships which carry our products abroad, and the important railroad lines terminating at this Port, which, with the State canals, bring to us for export so large a portion of the products of the West.

While New York has an interest in maintaining the commerce which seeks this harbor, and has expended many millions of dollars to secure that end, the country at large has always benefited to a greater degree by New York's munificent disbursements. The harbor is absolutely under the control of the National Government, and New York cannot of itself decide the depth and width of channels therein. Congress alone can decide the destiny of this most important gateway of the commerce of the country.

In conclusion your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Committee on Ocean Transportation be instructed to use its best efforts to secure from Congress at its present session the appropriations necessary to deepen and widen the channels of New York Harbor as recommended by the Engineers of the War Department.

Resolved, That we respectfully request His Honor, the Mayor of New York, to call a meeting of representative citizens, to be held in the Governor's Room at the City Hall, or such other place as His Honor may deem best, to consider the importance of deepening the channels of approach to the Harbor of New York, and to appoint a committee of one hundred citizens to co-operate with the Committee of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, and like committees of other commercial bodies, to urge upon Congress the appropriation of the money necessary to secure such object.

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} Committee on Ocean Transportation of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation.

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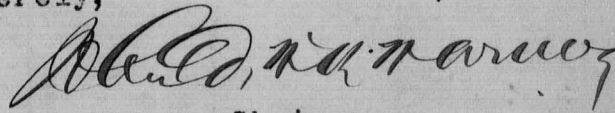
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Sincerely,


Chairman.



Albany 14 December 9th 1897

Wm. Strong

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them if you desire them for the coming
session I will furnish you with the
bills for 30⁰⁰ dollars to be paid at the
end of the session of 1898

Please let me know soon

Very Truly yours
W. W. Brinkerhoff

P.S

21 State Street Albany N.Y.

I do the work in my office & can furnish
all that you may desire in the way of Bills & one

New York Dec. 9th 1897

Hon. Wm. L. Strong
Dear Mayor.

As a private citizen I deem it my duty in the interests of Justice and Society to make you these few lines, there is to be produced in the "Jargon" language at the Italian Theatre - No. 46-48 Borey a play called Martin Thom and Mrs. Rack, I have been informed that said production is against public morality, and it is an ~~not~~ immoral play, I ask you to send some of your representatives there tomorrow night to see its production and if same is such as above stated, I trust you

will as our chief executive
will prevent same from
being produced, for certain
reasons. I cannot make
my name public & will
beg leave to sign a fic-
tious name

Yours very Resp^{tly}
John Doe

G. T. Lawrence,

COMMISSION MERCHANT.

669 - 671 Hudson St.,

391 W. 18th St., New York.

New York, Dec 9th 1897Honorable Mayor Strong
City, N. Y.

Dear Sir

I call your kind attention to the fact, that the Street Cleaning Dept neglects it duty, not calling for ashes and garbage above 8th Street up to 110th St on the west side of the City. The only thing the Street Cleaning Dept calls for, is Paper & Rags this we can store, burn or sell, but ashes^{and} garbage we cannot store, unless it is going to be ruinous to health.

I beg you to look in to this matter and give us relief

Respectfully Yours
G T Lawrence

120 W 90 St Residence

126 " " "

989-991, 993 Amsterdam Ave

WILLIAM A. HARDING,
Professional Accountant,
Room 188,
Stewart Building,
No. 280 Broadway,
P. O. Box 1169.

New York, Dec^r 9^h 1897

Col. Wm L Strong,
(Mayor's Office)
City Hall

My Dear Sir Last Spring I took the liberty
of writing to you asking of you the favour
of having a copy of the Books that were
then being issued containing Translations
of many valuable Dutch-Records of New-
Amsterdam to New York. Your friend Mr Bridges
acknowledged the receipt of my request -
but said that only one or two volumes had as
yet been printed, or words to that effect -

I hope that if it is possible, that you will
bear my request in mind before Dec^r 31.
My ancestor Huguenots & Hollanders came
over to New Amsterdam early in the 17th Century
and I would esteem it a very great favour
if I could get those translations. I beg leave
to remind you of my application - I remain
Most Res^t Yours. William A Harding

192 New York

Dec 9th 1897

Honorable William L. Strong
Mayor of New York City

Dear Sir,

being a veteran
Soldier who enlisted in
1861 for three years served
it reenlisted for three years
more the day I received my
Discharge and discharged
May 15 1865 ^{for 5 wounds} an American
soldier I enlisted at
the age of 15 years my
Father George Washington
Tyler enlisted in the war
1812 at the age of 17 and
also served through that
war and was cripple for
life by a British bullet my

Grand Father was an officer
a brigadier Gen under Wash
ington 1778-8 was now honored
the Mayor I have all those pa
pers to show for the same
My Mother Elizabeth A Taylor
Old and Feeble draws a pen
sion of 12 dollars per month
1812 was only 3 widows living
of 1812 was now six I was ex
amined a Labor bureau for
the City & passed all right
about 6 months ago but never
hear one line from it, although
I seen men Immigrant getting
situation and I was long
registered after I was and
I aplied for Civil a situation
as Messenger about the same
time but never heard from
the same I have always voted
with the American party and

Can furnish the best
of references both being and
Americans I am baref out
to make a living for my
aged mother my wife &
two children who is in great
need

Your Most Humble servant

Columbus Tyler
403 Third ave

New York City
P.S. if you could honorable
sir place me in any kind
of situation or work it would
be a god send to keep the
wolf from the door

C.T.

CABLE ADDRESS,
ROMEIKE, NEW YORK.

Henry Romeike

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His Honor, Mayor Strong,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

As a member of the Committee to celebrate the passing away of New York City, allow me to suggest to you that you give me an order to collect for you all newspaper paragraphs which appear about this important event. I would suggest that these notices should be carefully pasted on plate paper for you, and afterwards appropriately bound into a scrapbook.

There is no doubt that a book of this kind would possess unusual historical value in years to come, and there certainly I think, ought to be one such book in the City Library, and perhaps one each, in the other public libraries. I have had considerable experience in compiling such books and if you give me an order I promise to do the work in a satisfactory manner and at a very reasonable rate. I should be glad to submit estimate and sheets on which I propose to paste the notices.

Trusting to hear from you, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Henry Romeike

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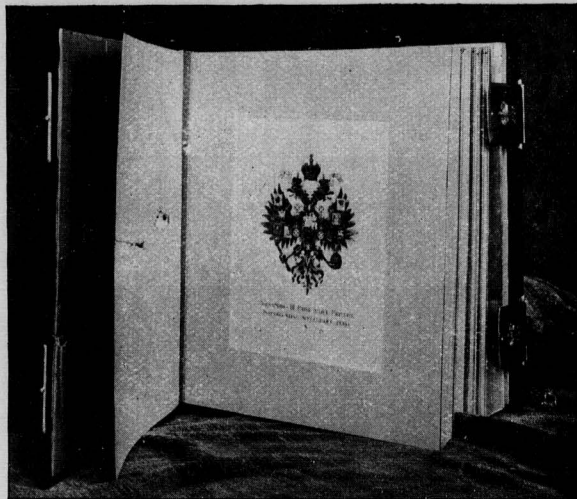
RUSSIAN IMPERIAL LEGATION,
Washington, D. C., February 21, 1895.

Dear Mr. Romeike :

I have just received the Memorial Scrap-books prepared by you for His Majesty the Emperor of Russia. In binding, ornamentation and completeness of detail these volumes are very satisfactory.

Truly yours,

PRINCE CANTACUZENE,
Minister of Russia to the United States.



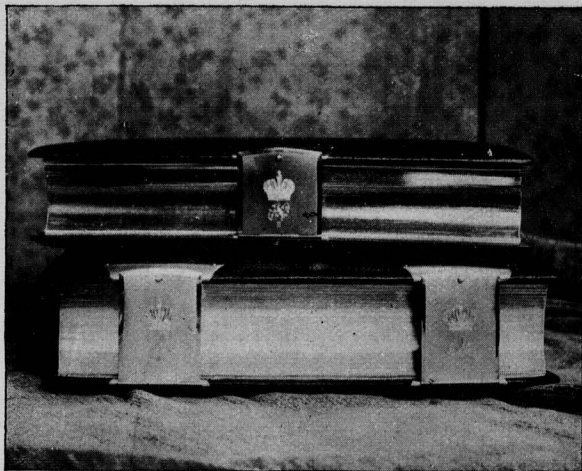
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Gold-Clasp, Seal-Bound Scrap-books Shipped from New York to the Czar.

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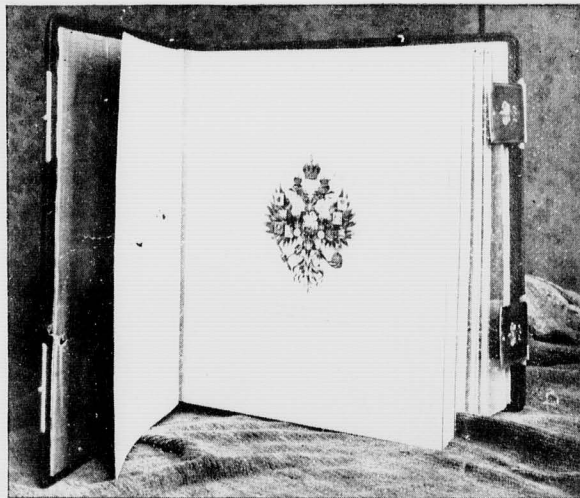
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No finer specimens of the book-maker's art have been seen here, but it is the nature of their contents and the method of their manufacture which makes the Czar's scrap-books so interesting. The three bound in black seal contain each 100 pages of plate paper on which have been pasted, with infinite pains, clippings from the American newspapers and magazines relating to the last illness, death, and obsequies of the Czar Alexander III. On the frontispiece of these volumes appears the Imperial coat-of-arms of Russia with the Latin inscription as follows:

Alexandro III. Patri Atque Principi,
Integro Vitæ Scelerisque Puro.

On the clasps of each is engraved a facsimile of the late Emperor's cipher, a crown and "A. III." The fourth book, in red seal, especially intended for the eyes of the Czar Nicholas, contains the cream of comments of the American newspapers on his marriage, with many pictures of himself and his bride, gleaned by Romeike's clipping bureau from thousands of journals, and forming a unique collection. The gold clasps on this volume show the cipher of the present Czar, "N. II."



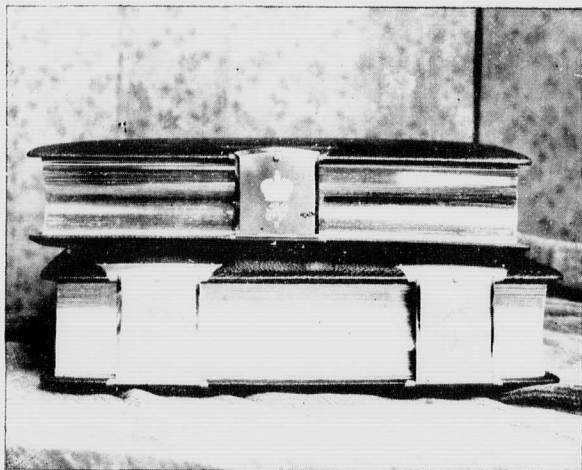
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

32 PARK ROW, NEW YORK,

Dec. 10, 1897.

Hon. Wm. L. Strong,
12 W. 57th St.,
City

Dear Sir:-

We notice in this mornings SUN that you say that the
proceedings of the proposed meeting to celebrate the merging of
Brooklyn and New York might be preserved in a volume that will be
valued more one hundred years hence than at the present time.

Why would not a scrap book containing all newspaper reference
to this proposed meeting be just as valuable?

We will make you such a scrap book if you will give us the order.

We will be glad to submit samples of our work at any time you
may name.

Very truly yours,

Dec 17 97

SIMON BRENTANO,
NEW YORK.

Hon W L Strong

Mayor City of New York.
City Hall. New York

Dear Sir.

It has been my desire to
express to you my gratification on the
happy choice made in the selection of
the name of the new fire-boat - the
W. L. Strong. It is not too late

to ~~propose~~ the excellent service
that will surely be rendered to the
Community by such a well served
boat.

Yours very Respectfully
Simon Brentano

New York Dec 11th/97
Hon W^m L. Strong

Dear Sir Seeing by the press that
Citizens who espoused the cause of Mr. How
are about to form an organization to oust
the Traitors to republican principles from
the party, we as citizens and republicans
will do our utmost to further the said
of object in view

Mr. Mayor

It would
be a great help to the organization if
Genl. Arson. J. McCook would take the helm
it would bring in many outside people,
he is a great favorite with the old soldiers
and added greatly to Mr. How's vote by his
Energetic work among the Veterans in the last
Campaign. Genl. McCook kept alive the
Veterans & Veterans Sons, which organization
we the undersigned are members

James Hennessey
William Leslie

Very Respectfully
Thomas Murphy
208 East 101 St.
32. Assembly Dist

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229 MADISON AVENUE.

December 11th, 1887,

Hon. U. S. Tracy, Mayor,

Dear Sir,

On behalf
of Charity House, the industrial
settlement of the N. Y. Association
for Improving the Condition
of the Poor, I beg to thank
you for the effort you
have to the recommendations
of the Small Parks

Committee, and, ^{that} has
resulted in the decision
of the Board of Street Cleaning
and Improvement to locate
a small park west of
Eleventh Avenue between
5th and 6th Streets.
From personal knowledge
of the district, I am
sure that your efforts
in its behalf will result
in great good to its
people, and will be

deeply appreciated.

Yours very truly

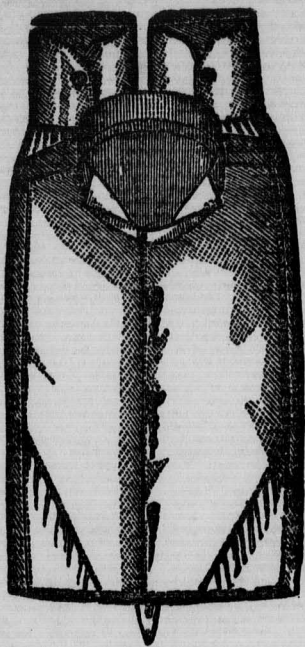
J. G. Phelps Stokes, Chairman
Anti-Slavery Executive Committee

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Office of

E. H. SCHNAKENBERG,

Bowery Cor. of 4th Street.

New York Dec. 11th 1897.

Hon. W. L. Stronge,
Mayor of N. Y. City,

I noticed in this morning's Journal some remarks about the Riverside Drive extension, and its probable cost. There is no doubt it would cost from 5 to 10 Million dollars, probably more to do this work properly. Do you think there is any immediate need of any extension of Riverside Drive? No doubt it is a grand scheme of some large holders of real estate to unload on the city at a tremendous advance for their benefit. Ask them to foot the bill for this intended

(over)

improvement and you will then hear
them howl. I can't see any sense in
making such an extension as the Grand
Boulevard would be just 250 feet east
of Riverside Drive.

Very truly

L. H. Frankenberg

630 West 148th St.
City-

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New York, Dec. 13th 189

To His Honor Mayor William L. Strong,

Respected Sir:-

It having come to our knowledge that you have recently procured the elevation of Officer William Kennel, of your office to the position of Roundsman, we desire to state that we consider this a just recognition of his meritorious services. In our many visits to your office, we have always been treated with courtesy by MR. Kennel, and we fully indorse your action, and trust in the near future, he may be elevated still higher in the force.

In closing permit us as an Association to express our appreciation of the invariable kindness shown us by you during your administration.

May you enjoy the fruits of your good deeds for many years to come.

Yours most respectfully,

T. F. Martin
Pres.



19th Assembly District.

Citizens Union Social Club,

Headquarters 23 Columbus Ave.

New York, Dec. 13, 1897.

Honorable Mayor,

Dear Sir:-

We understand that you are forming a Committee of anti Plattites in Greater New York, therefore we take the liberty of recommending a name from the above organization. We are Anti-Platt men, and all enrolled members of the Citizens Union and belong to the wage ernalersclass of our District. We organized on the evening of Election this year believing that the toilers must be united to be any power in further politics.

The name we have the pleasure of submitting to you for approval is Robert Winston of #53 Columbus Avenue. He was Chairman of the out door campaign work in the 19th, and is President of the above Club.

Hoping you will give this letter early consideration, I am
sir,

Yours respectfully,

Joseph Wilt
Vice Chairman

#162 West 61st St., City.

= New = York = Medical = League. =

DOUGLAS H. STEWART, M.D.,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,
111 West 64th Street.

New York, Dec. 13th. 1897.

To his Honor Mayor Wm. L. Strong -

Dear Sir -

This statement has been indorsed by the League and ordered printed in every newspaper in French, German, Italian and English. It was desired that it might be read before the Board of Apportionment and therefore it is necessary to forward to you the original rough draft of the document.

Yours very truly -

Douglas H. Stewart, M.D.

Cor. Sec.

New York, 189

To the City Editor N.Y. -
Dear Sir.

Many good people are suffering from the apprehension and misapprehension that the N.Y. Medical League is opposing charity to the sick poor. This is entirely foreign to the purposes of that body. Therefore we are directed to communicate to you and through you to the public the following platform statement.

The N.Y. Med. League believes

1st. That there is not enough charity work done in this city.

2nd. That there is too much of the Benevolence Business. That the poor are deprived of the ^{all} alms provided for them, because those alms do not reach the truly needy, through the ^{proper} ~~present~~ indirect channels. And that it is a shame that any institution should show handsome ^{annual} earnings and yet beg for city money, especially, when such earnings represent the ~~groundings~~ ^{groundings} of poverty money derived from the poor.

3rd. That all Dispensaries etc. should be free. That it is a cruel and unnecessary hardship to ask poverty-stricken men to pay anything for medicine or surgical appliances.

4th. That it is a bad policy to give city money to private institutions - to the detriment and loss of those public ones appointed to care for our sick poor. That the city institutions are in need of repairs - of improvement in sanitation and illumination and of larger and better accommodations for the sick poor. And that the inmates of the city hospitals should be better fed, warmed and clad while under treatment.

- 5th. That it is all wrong to give public money to Medical Colleges whose profits go into the pockets of the faculty ^{on the institution} and who are just as much money-making enterprises as a gas company.
- 6th. That it is an outrage that the City of New York should be limited to less than thirty cents a day per patient - while it gives over one dollar per day to institutions of a private character.
- 7th. That Board of apportionment stood a tie, two to two, and the chairman cast the deciding vote. Therefore the Mayor is responsible for the fact that the municipal institutions will be a reproach to our City because the money that should have gone for their urgent necessities has been given away. As he himself stated in a certain case "Because he knew the men interested".
- 8th. ~~Finally~~ we believe that the taxpayers are willing that ^{the private persons.} Mayor ~~should~~ should give their own money - but we do not believe they will approve of any diversion ~~of gift~~ of ~~the city's~~ ^{from} their money away ^{the public} institutions: or of any gift ^{of the same} to close corporations. ~~because he knew the~~
- 9th. Finally. We wish to state that in the crowd who protested there were representatives of taxpayers associations, business men etc. etc. The Doctors were there simply because their knowledge of the force behind the scenes covered ~~with~~ by the mantle of a so-called charity - which ~~cried give give~~.
- Douglas H. Stewart, M.D. Cor. Sec.

New York Dec 14/97

Wm. L. Story Esq

Mayor

Sir

A great mistake is about to be made in relation to the site of the new Library.

If an Executor should act as the Com: have, in disposing of the Estate property, he would be called to account.

As to the 5th Av. lots they would sell readily for Two millions of dollars, or more, and this is too large a sum for the City to lose.

If sold they would become taxable property, and the interest on the two millions, together with the taxes, would soon amount to a fabulous sum.

If not sold they should be leased for 21 years, with two renewals. They could be leased at high rates.

A much better site for the Library is found on the adjoining ^{property} extending from 40' to 42' St. - 100 to 150 feet on each street.

Here the Library would escape the noise and dust of 5th Av.

John Jacob Astor chose a quiet and more suitable place for his Library. There is no need for such an immense institution as the one proposed. A Library is not valued by its size but by the calibre of its books. The Libraries now built are frequented by a very few, proving that they more than satisfy the demand.

The City of Brooklyn, in a few days will have a direct interest in this property, and a due regard for her interests, should stop all

proceedings, until her voice can be heard.

No one can appraise the 5th Av. Lots, as they will be 21 years hence.

The better plan is to lease them.

Respectfully
Yrs

Rolla Bancroft

inquiries

47 West 42nd St
Dec 14th /94

His Honor, The Mayor

Esteemed and dear Sir -

I said something yesterday
overheard by a stranger, who
said why do you not write to
The Mayor about it - so
I take courage and ask you
if you can do any thing in
the way of helping citizens
to obtain the right of going
up or down Broadway in
cars on one rate, as it is, the
cars of 42nd St. have to walk the
empty blocks from 5th and
6th Ave to Broadway to get the
cable or take 6th Ave car which
the same Metropolitan Controls
Traction Company

they get out of X Crossing of
6th Avenue and ^{in cube car} pay another
fare to go down Broadway
below 34th street - Is it right
or just that we should
not have transfer tickets
at this point - up and down
why should a poor man or woman
be obliged to pay double fare
10 cts each time, there
business call, then on this
route ^{up & down} It is equal to all
that four dollars can even in a
year, just to ride up and
down Broadway once
a day. ^{20 cts} The rates are too high
any way and no comfort is
afforded. They exchange with
no 42nd cross route, give no time.

Perhaps you could suggest
one official to be appointed
for ^{else} nothing than to be
^{street car} Commissioner of the
City of Greater New York

to force the whole traffic of
of street cars to do their business
for the benefit and full
accommodation of the tax
payers & citizens of this
great city; (which we had
hoped would be ruled
by you, for at least
one term more).

For women it is painful
in extreme; the height of heels
is one reason for so many
accidents, whose business
to know whether they are
at-lawful ^{height} or no. Others -
suffer from hanging their
weight on straps till the body
strains and the head and heart
sick, at the neglect that allow
such things to ^{exist} to those that
a nation should respect for
its own safeguard.

I hope you will, even if -

it is an innovation give a parting
letter of good advice, before your
retire from us, as our dearly beloved
and honored Major Strong
May you live a good long life.
Could you be such a commissioner as I am?

Yours with highest esteem

Chas Brinkerhoff
47 West 42nd street -

New York
City

Oh in your letter say the street number
thoroughly neglected, & the lighting is bad.

"The unrivalled Band of the
National Guard."

"PARATUS ET FIDELIS."

"A Concert organization of
sterling merit, both Military
and String."

8th Regiment Band,

N. G., N. Y.

CHAS. J. CROWLEY,
BANDMASTER.

Office, No. 98 FIFTH AVENUE,
COR. 15TH STREET.
NEW ENGLAND PIANO COMPANY.

New York, Dec 14th 1897

Hon A. L. Strong
Mayor City of N. Y.

Dear Sir

Two or three years ago upon the 1st of Jan.
I furnished the music for the Hon Board of
Aldermen when they kept openhouse in the
City Hall. I was informed through Ald. F. Ware
that you expressed yourself as being highly
pleased with the music. As something
of that kind is going to occur again this
year I trust you will award me the honor
of furnishing the music. I am a particular
friend of Ald. E. Goodman to whom I refer
you.

Respt—
Chas Crowley,
Bandmaster 8th Regt
N. G. N. Y.

December 14-97

20, EAST THIRTIETH STREET.

Dear Mr Mayor. If
as I am informed
President Becker & others
the views of yourself
and the Comptroller
as to the propriety of
giving the Postgraduate,
what they ask, can
be not be turned to
vote by proxy, as the
Corporation Council did
to-day. Your argument
for us, and that it

W-itch was appreci-
ative and comely.
I sincerely hope that
you will see us through.
Very faithfully
J. S. Don Rosa

To his Honor
Mayor Strong -

Post Graduate
Hospital

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Dr. Roosa

do

Thomas H. Joyce - Leader

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P. S. GILMORE,
FOUNDER.



60 EMINENT MUSICIANS.
16 GREAT SOLOISTS

W. M. LATHAM, MANAGER,
1295 BROADWAY, N.Y. CITY.

After the death of P. S. Gilmore the Band practically disintegrated, the men joining various organizations throughout the country, and only now have the original members been brought together, INTACT, as in the OLD organization. The entire and complete Gilmore library of music (which is world renowned, impossible to duplicate, and valued at \$75,000) has been purchased from Mrs. P. S. Gilmore, and is now in the possession of Mr. E. A. Couturier, who was unanimously chosen by the whole Gilmore Band as their new Napoleon, and who is regarded by them as the most magnetic and profound of living Bandmasters.

W. McLEAN,	Piccolo.
G. GAST,	Flute.
D. PETERSEN,	Flute.
P. K. MATUS,	E b Clarinet.
C. KAYSER,	E b Clarinet.
GEO. STREIT,	B b Clarinet.
EMIL SCHECK,	B b Clarinet.
R. LOESCHER,	B b Clarinet.
A. BARBERA,	B b Clarinet.
F. URBAIN,	B b Clarinet.
G. GIANNONE,	B b Clarinet.
G. MCNEICE,	B b Clarinet.
A. METZGER,	B b Clarinet.
C. WEBER,	B b Clarinet.
E. SEYMOUR,	B b Clarinet.
J. HICKEY,	B b Clarinet.
A. HANSCHMANN,	B b Clarinet.
C. W. FREUDENVOLL,	B b Clarinet.
E. WIENERT,	B b Clarinet.
J. SHERIDAN,	B b Clarinet.
J. LINK,	B b Clarinet.
W. BRÜGMAN,	Alto Clarinet.
E. WEBER,	Basso Clarinet.
C. DE CHIARA,	Oboe.
ALLAN LATHAM,	Oboe.
J. RUPP,	Bassoon.
M. CAVANAGH,	Bassoon.
JEAN HAUSKNECHT,	Contra-Fagotto.
MARDO ARTOIS,	Soprano Saxophone.
E. A. LEFEBRE,	Alto Saxophone.
E. SCHAAP,	Tenor Saxophone.
F. W. SCHULTZE,	Baritone Saxophone.
H. WAHLE,	Contra-Basso Sax.
HERBERT L. CLARKE,	B b Cornet.
BENJ. C. BENT,	B b Cornet.
J. C. MARTIN,	B b Cornet.
A. WASSHAUSEN,	B b Cornet.
CARL RIETZE,	Flügel-Horn.
A. LOHOEFNER,	Flügel-Horn.
H. KOCHENBACH,	E b Trumpet.
A. LINDLER,	E b Trumpet.
H. WESTON,	French Horn.
E. VOGEL,	French Horn.
H. VOKINS,	French Horn.
H. ZILM,	French Horn.
ERNEST H. CLARKE,	Trombone.
B. H. SMITH,	Trombone.
LOUIS ROGASEY,	Bass Trombone.
HARRY E. WHITTIER,	Euphonium.
F. G. FOKES,	Baritone.
A. TRACK,	Antoniophone.
AUG. HELLEBERG,	Bass Tuba.
A. REITER,	Bass Tuba.
C. OTTO,	Bass Tuba.
E. BAKER,	Bass Antoniophone.
H. CONRAD,	Monster Bombardon.
ERNST MUELLER,	Tympanies.
CHAS. P. LOWE,	Drum and Xylophone.
THEO. WAHLE,	Bass Drum and Cym.

New York Dec 14th 1897

Mr W. L. Strong
Mayor N.Y. City
Dear Sir,

In reference to your suggestion to have something done to welcome the New Year and the birth of Greater N.Y. I think the Metropolitan Opera House, Carnegie Music Hall or some other suitable place can be secured and a Grand Concert given from about 11 to 11-45 interspersed with a few remarks - at 11-50 a Grand National Potpourri by the Band and as the hour of 12 approaches the Grand old Air "Auld Lang Syne" with a Grand Chorus and the Audience. The Gong strikes the hour of 12 the Band plays "The Greater N.Y. March" and "The Stars and Stripes forever" and "1898" and "All Hail Greater N.Y." Suddenly appears in Electric Lights, then "On with the Dance" the floor being already prepared for dancing.

Thomas H. Joyce - Leader

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FAMOUS BAND
E. A. COUTURIER
DIRECTOR



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After the death of P. S. Gilmore the Band practically disintegrated, the men joining various organizations throughout the country, and only now have the original members been brought together, INTACT, as in the OLD organization. The entire and complete Gilmore library of music (which is world renowned, impossible to duplicate, and valued at \$75,000) has been purchased from Mrs. P. S. Gilmore, and is now in the possession of Mr. E. A. Couturier, who was unanimously chosen by the whole Gilmore Band as their new Napoleon, and who is regarded by them as the most magnetic and profound of living Bandmasters.

W. MCLEAN,	Piccolo.
G. GAST,	Flute.
D. PETERSEN,	Flute.
P. K. MATUS,	E b Clarinet.
C. KAYSER,	E b Clarinet.
GEO. STREIT,	B b Clarinet.
EMIL SCHECK,	B b Clarinet.
R. LOESCHER,	B b Clarinet.
A. BARBERA,	B b Clarinet.
F. URBAIN,	B b Clarinet.
G. GIANNONE,	B b Clarinet.
G. MCNEICE,	B b Clarinet.
A. METZGER,	B b Clarinet.
C. WEBER,	B b Clarinet.
E. SEYMOUR,	B b Clarinet.
J. HICKEY,	B b Clarinet.
A. HANSCHMANN,	B b Clarinet.
C. W. FREUDENVOLL,	B b Clarinet.
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I will be glad to co-operate in the matter, if acceptable, and will subscribe Fifty Dollars towards the expenses

Very truly yours,

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